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SUBJECT: NAC APPROVES ISAF UPPER COMMAND STRUCTURE CHANGE

Classified By: A/Political Advisor A."Hoot" Baez. Reasons: 1.4 (b) AND (d).

1.(S/REL ISAF) On August 3 the North Atlantic Council approved a change to the upper command structure of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, as had been recommended by NATO Military Authorities. The changes will create an intermediate three-star ISAF Joint Command (IJC) Headquarters which will focus on the more tactical/operational level of the mission, leaving the four-star Commander of ISAF and his staff to focus on the strategic/national level of the campaign. The IJC Commander will report to the Commander of ISAF. This change had been agreed in principle by Defense Ministers at their June meeting, pending military and resource advice.

2.(S/REL ISAF) NATO's goal is to have the IJC reach Initial Operational Capability (IOC) by early October. In order to achieve this goal, additional work must still be carried out. The Senior Resource Board, for example, has been tasked to report back to Council on the resource implications associated with the ongoing HQ ISAF command and control study. Allies have also agreed that the NATO International Staff, in coordination with NATO Military Authorities, should develop a supporting communications campaign.

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